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•	come on board. The orew has to enter the saloon while their identity is checked and a thorough search is made of the ship, taking three to five hours. Passports are checked by the MVD and then returned to the crews after which they are permitted to go ashore. The radio is closed down; binoculars, cameras, and arms are locked up on board and sealed.	
5.	In spite of the above elaborate procedure, the port is neither clean nor well organized. Work is done slowly and listlessly.	
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6.	In order to go into town, it was necessary to have a mariner's pay book as a Soviet pass. This pass is in two parts, one part of which is left with the Soviet guard on duty and the other is carried. Men were never seen to be searched on going ashore.	
	Dock Labor	
7.	At Poti there are many Bessarabians and Caucasians who speak Turki and Georgian and work on the docks. They are in a lamentable condition in rags, dirty, and often drunk; they work slowly and unwillingly. Women all work as dockers and are in equally bad condition. On the other hand, the port employers are well dressed uniforms, though they too are slow and lazy.	8 0
	Depth of Water	
8.	The depth of the sea in port is more than 10 meters. Fully loaded ships of 10,000 tons were able to come alongside the quay.	
	General Information	
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	a. No anti-aircraft defense was seen.	
	b. Many more Soviet naval ratings were observed than in any other Soviet port.	
	c. The water is not drinkable and has to be brought from elsewhere.	
	d. sailors are free to move wherever they wish to, and are treaquite cordially by Soviet authorities.	_t 50X1-HUM
	e. Shops are half empty.	
	Cost of Living	
10.	Following are a few samples of the cost of living:	
	1 kilo of yogurt 10 rubles 1 liter of wine 20 rubles 1 liter of yodka 80 rubles	

In a restaurant:

1 portion of fish 20 rubles
1 portion of meat 10 - 15 rubles
1 bottle of beer 3 rubles

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